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With regard to poppy raising, a pro-Communist paper reported that during 1950, 110,164 mou of the 177,700 mou of the poppy-growing area in 89 hsiens of Shensi, Kansu, Ningsia, and Tsinghai, was uprooted and planted with other agricultural crops.(2) However, a pro-KMT paper revealed that in Hsi-chiang, Kwangtung, some corrupt peasant association cadres banded with local government officials to raise about 100 mou of poppy plants in Lo-ting, Te-ch'ing, Yu-nan, Hsin-hsing, and Yu-fu hsiens. To hide the poppy plants from the view of passers-by, sugar cane and maize are planted around them, the paper said.(4)

A pro-KMT paper also carried a report of a survey made by a UN committee during this year. The report pinpoints the poppy-growing areas in China as Szechwan, Yunnan, Sikang, Kweichow, Jehol, Chahar, Suiyuan, and Shensi.(3)

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